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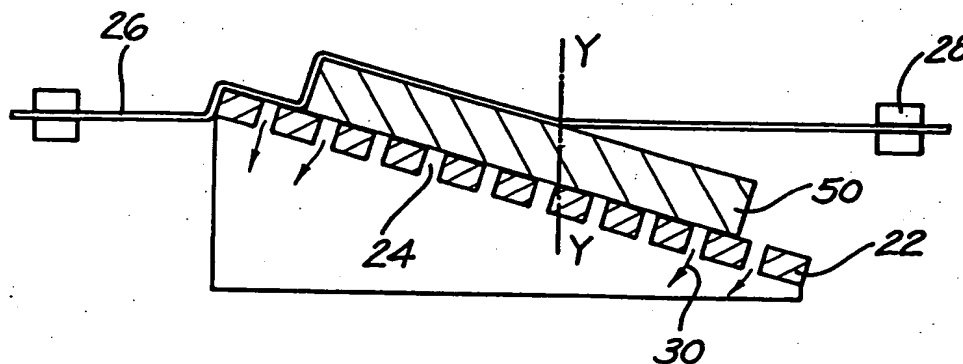
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(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses a method and apparatus to permit the ARMACEL process (known per se from WO 95/23682, WO/09166 and WO 00/59709) to be used without entrapping gas or air between a heated plastics sheet (26) and an imper-
vious core (40, 50, 60, 70). The core (40, 50, 60, 70) is inclined relative to the sheet (26) by either maintaining the sheet (26) level and inclining the core (40, 50, 70) or by maintaining the core (60) level and depressing the sheet (26) to incline same. Apparatus is
also disclosed including and inclined perforated base plate (22), a contact finger (55) and a pedestal (71).

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